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St Patrick’s News
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Principal’s Report

NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN results for ST Patrick’s were distributed last week. The result on the whole were pleasing while there is always still work to do. ST Patrick’s students achieved well in writing and that has been a focus this Year to improve results in this area. So in terms of what NAPLAN results can and can’t tell us, the most important message would be that results should not be studied in isolation, they should be interpreted with lots of other information about students’ learning. When it comes to understanding how much an individual student has learnt, parents and teachers need to combine NAPLAN results with classroom observations, classwork and school-based assessments and reports.

Our teachers are available to have a discussion about your child’s results. Please contact the school for an appointment if needed.

Book Week

The Library has been transformed into an underwater wonderland in which Nemo would be able to find a friend. Students have been very keen to look through all the amazing books on offer. The week was topped off with the Book Week Parade. Parents and students went to a lot of effort designing and making their costumes. Thanks to Miss Sarah, Miss Karen and Miss Renee for making the day and week run so smoothly.

Car Boot Sale

Thanks to our amazing P & F for all the great work in organizing the Car Boot Sale last Saturday. Thanks to Linda, Anna, Codie, Janelle, Rosemary and Darryl for their work on the day and all the parents and staff who sent in items for our cake stall. Mrs Ruby Waldron once again doing an amazing job in finishing off the Money Board so we could draw it on the day. Thanks also to all who were able to attend, while recognizing that others had prior commitments such as the Football fixtures in Roma at the same time.

God Bless

Allan Clark

Winners of Money Boards:

1st Margaret Burke, 2nd Pete (Ambo), 3rd Jane Bayliss
1st Julie Birkett, 2nd G & S Light, 3rd Kallie Anderson
1st K. Turnbull, 2nd Bill Albeck, 3rd Marvelle Kerslake (Bill Albeck Wallumbilla donated $25-00 to the school)
1st David Wilkinson 2nd Kallie Anderson 3rd Kay Watson (board from the Mini Mart)

School Fees

ST Patrick’s has one of the lowest school fees in the Diocese and it is through the school fees and fund raising that we are able to support our students. Your fees have gone to the cost of swimming and additional weekly Teacher Aid time for your children in each of the classes. Recently the P&F have provided some funds for the large mat in the P-3 room for $1200 and for more sports equipment for $1800.

The fees have gone out again and this week. Thanks for all those who pay on time or about to. Thanks also who continue to make regular payments. Regular payments through direct deposits is one way to manage your account. If you are having difficulty paying please contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Maranooa Athletics Carnival

The annual Maranooa Athletics Carnival was held, Friday, 31 July at the Mitchell State School. The day was a huge success and the children all had a great time as can be seen in the photographs below.
God Bless

Allan Clark

Child Protection

The school student protection contacts at St Patrick’s School are Mr Allan Clark and Miss Amy Davis.

The School Counsellor is Ms Allison Cuskelly

APRE News

Thank you to all the students, staff and community members who attended last week’s school mass celebrating the feast day of St. Mary McKillop.

Our next mass will be on Tuesday the 8th September and we will be celebrating Father’s Day. There will be a slide show of the students and a significant person that they would like to celebrate this Father’s Day. If students could bring in a photo for me to scan or email a photo to amy.davis@twb.catholic.edu.au to be included in the slideshow that would be greatly appreciated.

I hope you all have a wonderful week ahead.

Miss Davis

News from Prep, 1,2 and 3

Prep, Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3 are doing Show and Tell [Students are to prepare a 1-2 minute presentation about something of their own choice]

What to do: This term, we are learning about Information Reports. Students will be asked to prepare/follow the following steps:

1. You are to choose something that interests you, that is, something that you would like to find out about.
2. Prepare a 1-2 minute talk about it.
3. Think about how to present you information. You can write something, bring in a book or an object about your topic or just tell us the information.
4. ‘Inform’ your audience, that is, make sure you are able to tell us something about your topic, for example, what it is, where it lives, what it looks like, what it does, why you find it interesting.
5. Enjoy learning about your topic!

Kind regards,

Mr Michael Verschuur

Prep 2016

Expressions of interest are invited for enrolments for Prep 2016 at St Patrick’s School. Children turning 5 before 1 July 2016 are eligible to start Prep in 2016. Please contact the school to obtain enrolment forms.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop operates each Wednesday. Please note the Small Pies are now $2-50 each. Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist. The children and staff are certainly enjoying the delicious food. Please contact the school if you are able to work occasionally in a relief capacity. A new menu/roster was sent home at the end of last term. Please contact the office if you need one.

Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to:

Storm who turned 6 on 7 August,  
Ben who turns 10 on 15 August

Birthday!
Library News

Bookfair will be held at St Patrick’s School from 7 to 14 August. It will be open at the following times: 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Our “Under the Sea Book Fair Parade” went off with a huge SPLASH!!! What a truly amazing day we had. We had so many sea creatures it was like the ocean had come to the outback. Thanks to everyone who dressed up and participated in this special day. We had some very special little guppy fish come to visit as well, thanks to Elle, Wyatt, Chance, Ryder and Aunty Irene’s family, for coming along. Thank you to the parents who stayed up half the night making costumes and thanks to Miss Renee for the “Jelly fish cake”. Book fair will be open for at least another week so if you haven’t been for a little look as yet, please feel free to pop on up to the library and have a browse.

Miss Sarah and Miss Karen

Lost Property

The collection of lost property is growing. Please check for any missing items and also please label all items of clothing. Please feel free to come and see if it belongs to your child.

St Patrick’s Garden Club Raffle

Mr Darryl is running a raffle to raise money to purchase plants for the school gardens. The prizes are a St Patrick’s Rose and a RSL Rose. Tickets are on sale at the school office or see Darryl or Rose Betzien.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Earn and Learn is back. Starting Wednesday, 15 July when anyone from the school community-staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. They’ll get one sticker for every $10 they spend. Once they complete their sticker cards they can place them in a collection box at school or at Woolworths store in Roma. The program closes on Tuesday, 8 September. The school is then able to claim educational equipment from Modern Teaching Aids when the stickers are tallied.

Jean for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes Day last Friday. A total of $51.00 was raised to assist finding cures for childhood diseases. Medical research is the only way to discover cures for conditions affecting children such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic defects. Your support will go a long way to help this cause. Thank you

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Forms to be Returned ASAP:

Absentee Note if required